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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONTEVIDEO 1582

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SUBJECT: MITRIONE KIDNAPPING -- EVACUATION OF JONES FAMILY

1. GORDON JONES, SECOND SECRETARY FSO-5, MONTEVIDEO, WHOSE FRUSTRATION OF A KIDNAP ATTEMPT IN MONTEVIDEO ON JULY 31 IS PROBABLY KNOWN TO YOU, WILL DEPART MONTEVIDEO AUGUST 6 EN-ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE LINDA AND ONE-MONTH-OLD TWINS. HIS AIR TRAVEL SHCEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

DEPART MONTEVIDEO 1200 NOON VIA ALITALIA FLIGHT 580 TO SANTIAGO, ARRIVING 1300; DEPART SANTIAGO VIA BRANIFF FLIGHT 920 AT 1900, ARRIVING LIMA 2110; DEPART LIMA SAME FLIGHT AT 2220, ARRIVING LOS ANGELES 0510 AUGUST 7; DEPART ON UNITED FLIGHT 388 AT 0705, ARRIVING SANTA BARBARA 0741.

2. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT JONES WAS BEATEN, THAT HE FRUSTRATED THE KIDNAP ATTEMPT AND HAS SINCE TESTIFIED REGARDING SUSPECTS IN COURT CASE, WE ARE TAKING STRICT SECURITY MEASURES TO GUARD AGAINST POSSIBLE VENGENANCE. US CORRESPONDENTS WILL HAVE PLANNED OPPORTUNITY PHOTOGRAPH JONES AND ASK A FEW QUESTIONS AS HE BOARDS PLANE HERE. LOCAL MEDIA ARE NOT BEING INFORMED OF HIS DEPARTURE. NEW MEDIA HERE WILL PROBABLY CONTACT COLLEAGUES IN SANTIAGO AND LIMA AFTER PLANE DEPARTS MONTEVIDEO.

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3. WE HAVE DISCUSSED PRESS RELATIONS WITH JONES AND ADVISED HIM TO STICK STRICTLY TO THE FACTS OF HIS ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION. HE HAS BEEN WARNED THAT REPORTERS WILL TRY TO WORM OPINIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM HIM BUT THAT HE SHOULD NOT GO BEYOND THE FACTS OF THE KIDNAPPING AND HIS ESCAPE BECAUSE COMMENTS OR JUDGEMENTS MIGHT PREJUDICE POSITION OF DAN MITRIONE STILL HELD BY KIDNAPPERS. ALTHOUGH SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE ENCOURAGED, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION BRIEF AND WELL-CONTROLLED INTERVIEWS AT AIRPORT IF PRESS LEARNS OF ARRIVAL AND PROVIDED THESE DO NOT JEOPARDIZE JONES FAMILY SECURITY. SUGGEST EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST JONES.

4. WILL APPRECIATE EMBASSY MEETING JONES AND FAMILY AND PROVIDING SECURITY AND ANY TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS THEY MAY HAVE.
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